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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 2 and 3. The replacement sheet, which includes Figs. 2 and 3, replaces the original sheet including Figs. 2 and 3. In Fig. 2, reference numeral "44" and in Fig. 3, section line IV-IV have been added.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet

Annotated Sheet Showing Changes

REMARKS

Claims 9-14, 16-18 and 20-22 are presently in the application. Claims 1-8, 15 and 19 have been canceled.

The drawings have been objected to because reference numeral "44" is missing. Fig. 2 has been amended to include Fig. 2. Also, the section line IV-IV, referred to in paragraph [0008] of the specification, has been added. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is requested.

The examiner indicated that claims 16-18 and 20-22 would be allowable, if rewritten in independent form. Claims 16 and 17 have been rewritten in independent form to include the language of claim 15, except that minor changes to the language of claim 15 have been made to improve the clarity of the claim. Accordingly, claims 16-18 and 20-22 are now in allowable condition. The changes made to the original language of claim 5 are as follows:

15. **A** check valve, ~~in particular~~ for a high-pressure pump of a fuel injection system for an internal combustion engine, comprising a one piece [[a]] valve housing (40) adapted to be inserted into a receptacle (34) in a pump housing part, a pistonlike valve member (60) is guided longitudinally displaceably in the valve housing (40), which valve member cooperates with a valve seat (48) embodied on the valve housing (40), and the valve member (60) being urged in the

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closing direction by a prestressed closing spring (70) and in the opening direction by the pressure prevailing in an inlet (44a) (38), the check valve including ~~an inlet (30) having~~ at least one inlet conduit (50) ~~and preferably a plurality of inlet conduits~~, extending through the valve housing (40), which at least one inlet conduit ~~discharge~~ discharges in such a way into a bore (44a) surrounding the valve member (60) that the longitudinal axis (51) of the at least one inlet conduit (50) does not intersect the longitudinal axis (45) of the bore (44a) surrounding the valve member (60).

Claims 9-14 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Barker (US 1,229,571). Reconsideration of the rejection is requested.

Claim 9 has been amended to include the language of claim 16 and now requires the check valve to include at least one inlet conduit extending through the valve housing, wherein the at least one inlet conduit discharges at least approximately at a tangent into a bore surrounding the valve member. Since the examiner has already determined that the features of claim 16 are not taught or suggested by the prior art, claim 9 and claims 10-14, dependent on claim 9, should now be in allowable condition.

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Entry of the amendment and allowance of the claims are courteously solicited.

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Fig. 2

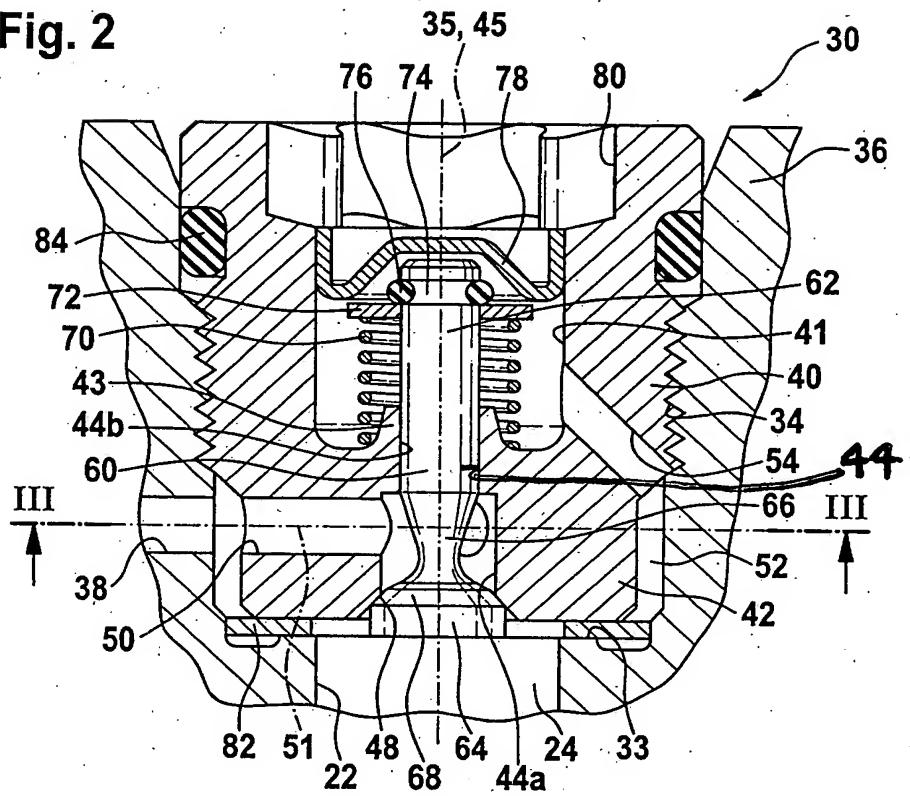


Fig. 3

